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1. OF SEVEN DESTROYERS REPORTEDLY SOLD TO GREECE, SIX WERE ALREADY IN GREEK NAVY INVENTORY AND MERELY HAD STATUS CHANGED FROM LOAN TO SALE. THEREFORE, ONLY ONE WW II VINTAGE DESTROYER AND TWO LST'S WERE ADDED TO GREEK NAVY INVENTORY.

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2. THREE DESTROYERS, TWO SUBMARINES AND SUB RESCUE SHIP

LISTED IN SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE TO DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT MAY HAVE TO BE CHANGED IF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DCA CONTINUES TO BE DELAYED. IN THAT CASE, US NAVY SEES NO PROBLEM IN IDENTIFYING SUBSTITUTES WHEN DCA APPROVED. US NAVY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY AN AVAILABLE MODERN NAVAL VESSEL FROM US INVENTORY WHICH MIGHT BE SOLD TO TURKEY. PROPOSED LEGISLATION APPROVING DCA HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS OF BYRD AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THOSE VESSELS. KISSINGER

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